ous banks for opening branches. Such proposals are also considered by RBI on merits of each case.

RBI have also given freedom to Indian commercial banks which fulfil the following criteria for opening branches without prior approval of RBI on case to case basis :

(1) Capital to Risk Assets Ratio (CRAR) at 8% or more.

(2) NPA below 15% of total outstanding loans and advances.

(3) Owned Funds above Rs. 100 crores.

(4) Net profit for 3 consecutive years.

In such cases, the banks are advised to submit to RBI an Action Plan for one year for opening of all types of branches. Once the plan is approved by RBI, the banks can open branches.

Indian Assistance to China

4997. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
DR. RAM KRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether China have sought Indian assistance for the development of their share market;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached between India and China in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of the agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Chairman, SEBI and some afficers of SEBI had met representatives of Shanghai Stock Exchange on 16.4.1997 in Beijing. During the meeting, the representatives of the Shanghai Stock Exchange evinced interest in the various refroms which have been introduced by SEBI, computerisation of Stock Exchanges in India and related developments with the objective of improving the systems in the Shanghai Stock Exchange. They were advised by SEBI to visit Stock Exchanges in India and to make an assessment as to how they could take advantage of the Indian experience of the development of the stock market. They have agreed to inform SEBI regarding the possibilities of such a visit.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

[Translation]

Deportation of Indian Citizens

4998. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian citizens deported from foreign countries during the last three years, till date;

(b) the number of Indian citizens who were in distress in those countries and have been sent back to India; and

(c) the amount of financial help provided by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Refineries

4999. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the refining capacity and actual performance of the Indian Oil Corporation during the last three years;

(c) the production target set by the IOC during 1997-98; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to monitor closely all the projects for full capacity utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The refining capacity and actual performance of the IOC refineries during the last three years are as under:

(Figures in thousand tonnes)

Refinery	Installed capacity	Actual Crude Processing		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Guwahati	850.0	884.2	839.2	847.9
Barauni	3300.0	2219.9	2322.8	1895.3
Gujarat	9500.0	9888.3	10166.6	10352.3
Haldia	2750.0	3257.7	3416.2	3450.4
Mathura	7500.0	8377.2	8332.2	8113.4
Digboi	500.0	536.0	559.0	476.9
(IOC total)	24400.00	25163.3	25636.4	25136.2

(b) The crude throughput target set for the year 1997-98 is as under :

Refinery	Crude through put TMT
1	2
Guwahati	900
Barauni	1950
Gujarat	9800
Haldia	4100

1	2
Mathura	8000
Digboi	550
Panipat	100
IOC Total	25400

(c) Apart from in house monitoring by IOC, the projects are regularly monitored in quarterly performance review (QPR) meetings by Government.

[Translation]

UCO Bank

5000. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL :Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down Singapore branch of UCO Bank and its 13 regional offices;

(b) if so, by when this decision is likely to be implemented and the impact of the implication of this decision;

(c) the number of officers and employees likely to be rendered jobless as a result of this decision; and

(d) whether any arrangement has been made to absorb them and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[English]

Vehicular Pollution

5001. SHRI K.S. RAYADU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the studies of the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun have established that blending of methanol/ethanol with petrol and diesel is ideal for controlling vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to implement their recommendations in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) The Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun has carried out studies that revealed that low level blends of methanol/ethanol with petrol is one of the means for reducing the vehicular emissions. The use of alcohols, both methanol and ethanol has been studied using dual-fuel approach in diesel vehicles for reducing vehicular emissions, particularly smoke.

The Ministry of Food (Deptt. of Sugar) has also set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Food) to examine the possiblity of mixing of ethanol produced by sugar manufacturing/Distillery units with petrol/diesel.

Shifting of Slum Population

5002. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift some of Delhi's slum population to different locations in the National Capital Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of persons presently in slums in Delhi; and

(d) the time by which slum population is likely to be shifted outside Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a), (b) and (d) The National Capital Region Planning Board has reported that no specific proposal in this regard has been received from the Government of NCT of Delhi.

(c) According to Government of NCT of Delhi, a survey was conducted in March, 1994 which revealed that the estimated number of Jhuggi Clusters was around 1080, comprising 4.80 lakh jhuggies and having a population of more than 20 lakhs

HUDCO Loan

5003. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received any project from Kerala State Housing Federation for getting the financial assistance through HUDCO;

(b) if so, the total amount asked from HUDCO ; and

(c) the details of the proposals submitted by Kerala State Housing Federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir. The State level agencies formulate specific project proposals and send the same directly to HUDCO for loan assistance.

(b) HUDCO has so far sanctioned 12 schemes to Kerala State Co-operative Housing Federation for a loan amount of Rs. 52.02 crores for construction of 11549 dwelling units till 1996-97.

(c) One composite cash loan housing scheme for a loan amount of Rs. 45.02 crores envisaging construction of 6808 dwelling units submitted by Kerala State Cooperative Housing Federation is in the pipeline of HUDCO.